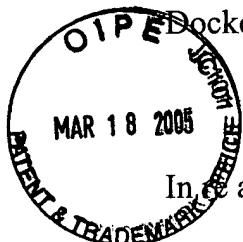


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This document is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this document. Amendments to the drawings are discussed on page 8 of this document and replacement drawing sheets are appended hereto. Finally, the Applicants' remarks begin on page 9 of this document.